

De Palm Tours To Build Entertainment Center On Reef At Balashi

San Nicolas—Mr. Harold Malmberg director/owner of De Palm Tours in a press conference related the following:

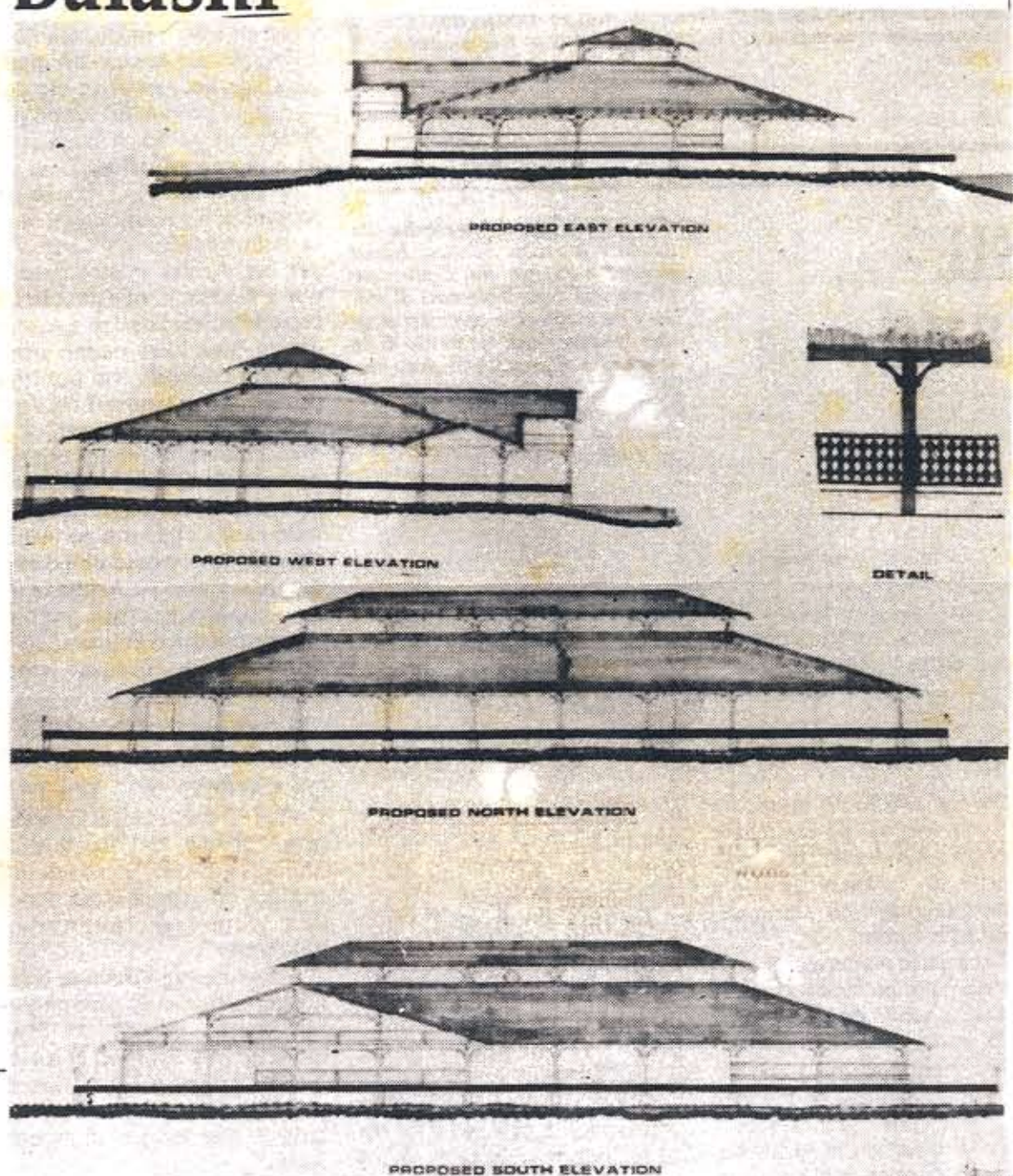
Our company is very proud to come-up with a project that will create approximately 75 direct jobs and possible another 25 additional jobs in other departments of our company alone. We have not even looked at the indirect jobs it will create for suppliers etc. We searched for a tourism related project that would meet the following objectives:

-The project must be support for Aruba's overall Tourism product.

-It must be unique in the Caribbean.

-It must be financial justified and will create new jobs. With these objectives in mind we designed an activities center, which will be constructed on a reef island south of Web at Balashi. To do an effective job we also have to build a terminal and a pier on the main-island near Balashi. So we can operate a ferry service to

and from the island. On this island we will create a relaxing, but entertaining atmosphere with detailed attention to service. The complex will consist of one main building and several smaller buildings surrounded by attractive landscaping. We will offer visitors hammocks for rent, swimming, sunbathing, snorkeling, scuba diving and will also have food and beverage available. De Palm Tours with 25 years of Tourism experience is probably the only ground-handler in the Caribbean, who has the infra-structure to successfully operate such a complex project. The total investment will amount to nafls. 3.500.000. The buildings will be of a unique design and construction. Most of the buildings will have no walls, so that our visitors can enjoy our natural breeze. The entire construction will be made of oak and pine lumber specially treated against termites, excessive moisture and fire resistant. The building will be supported by 9 x 9 inch



The picture shows the projected "Entertainment Center" from different angles.

heavy timber beams, some weighting as much as one thousand pounds. The building will consist of about 1300 of these timber beams. To interconnect these beams, wooden pegs will be used instead of nails. The roofs, floors and boardwalk will be constructed with the best

pine lumber available, as additional decoration the roof will be covered with specially treated palm leaves. We are confident that the reef island project has all the potential to become the most original and unique tourism activities centrum in the Caribbean. For our company

this project coincides with the year that we celebrate our 25th anniversary. De Palm Tours is also pleased that the timing is right for our island, because the idea occurred precisely at the time when our country needs it most.



Mr. Harold Malmberg, director/owner of De Palm Tours.

Portuguese Social Cultural Foundation To Hold 10 Km Race

ORANJESTAD—The Portuguese Social-Cultural Foundation will hold a 10 km road race on Sunday, September 8, starting at 7 a.m. in the vicinity of Dr. Ridderstap's office in Santa Cruz, and ending

at the Portuguese club in Primavera. Following the race sports events will continue on the field of the club in connection with a sportday in honor of the co-founder of the Portuguese club, Mr. Octa-

vio Coutinho. Inscription free for the race is fls. 5,- and inscription can be made at IDEFRE, Aruba Store at Santa Cruz, and at the San Nicolas Sports Center.